# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

#### In the Matter of: The Alternative Energy Technology Center, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

April 2, 2008.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of The Alternative Energy Technology Center, Inc. Questions have arisen concerning the company's reliance on Rule 504 of Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933 in conducting a distribution of its securities, and the accuracy and adequacy of statements in the company's press releases regarding its rights to certain technology. The Alternative Energy Technology Center, Inc., a company that has made no public filings with the Commission, is quoted on the Pink Sheets under the ticker symbol AETE, and has recently been the subject of spam e-mail touting the company's shares.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of the investors require a suspension of trading in securities of the above-listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the abovelisted company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT, April 2, 2008, through 11:59 p.m. EDT, on April 15, 2008.

By the Commission.

## Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57579; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2008-026]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Participate in the Options Penny Pilot Program

March 28, 2008.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 25, 2008, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by Nasdaq. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "noncontroversial" proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act 3 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder,4 which rendered the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

## I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq is planning to commence trading on its recently-approved NASDAQ Options Market <sup>5</sup> on March 31, 2008, and to participate from that date in the Options Penny Pilot Program by trading in penny increments all 63 options currently scheduled to be traded in penny increments on the six existing options exchanges. <sup>6</sup> Nasdaq's participation in the pilot will commence at the start of trading on the NASDAQ Options Market on March 31, 2008, and continue until March 27, 2009.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at Nasdaq, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and http://www.nasdaq.com.

### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

On March 12, 2008, the Commission approved SR–NASDAQ–2007–004 and SR–NASDAQ–2007–080, proposals to create the NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM"). Chapter VI, Section 5 of the approved rules states that Nasdaq may trade options in penny increments pursuant to the Commission's pilot program for options ("Penny Pilot Program"). Through this filing, Nasdaq proposes to establish the parameters of its participation in the Penny Pilot Program.

Prior to the Penny Pilot Program, options were quoted in nickel and dime increments. The minimum price variation for quotations in options series that are quoted at less than \$3 per contract is \$0.05 and the minimum price variation for quotations in options series that are quoted at \$3 per contract or greater is \$0.10.

Under the Penny Pilot Program, beginning on January 26, 2007, market participants were able to begin quoting in penny increments in certain series of option classes. The Penny Pilot Program originally included the following thirteen options: Ishares Russell 2000 (IWM); NASDAQ-100 Index Tracking Stock (QQQQ); SemiConductor Holders Trust (SMH); General Electric Company (GE); Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD); Microsoft Corporation (MSFT); Intel Corporation (INTC); Caterpillar, Inc. (CAT); Whole Foods Market, Inc. (WFMI); Texas Instruments, Inc. (TXN); Flextronics International Ltd. (FLEX); Sun Microsystems, Inc. (JAVA); and Agilent Technologies, Inc. (A).

On September 28, 2007, the following twenty-two options classes were added: SPDRs (SPY); Apple, Inc. (AAPL); Altria Group Inc. (MO); Dendreon Corp. (DNDN); Amgen Inc. (AMGN); Yahoo! Inc. (YHOO); QUALCOMM Inc. (QCOM); General Motors Corporation (GM); Energy Select Sector (XLE); DIAMONDS Trust, Series 1 (DIA); Oil Services HOLDRs (OIH); NYSE Euronext, Inc. (NYX); Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO); Financial Select Sector SPDR (XLF); AT&T Inc. (T); Citigroup Inc. (C); Amazon.com Inc. (AMZN); Motorola Inc. (MOT); Research in Motion Ltd. (RIMM); Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX); ConocoPhillips (COP); and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (BMY). These thirtyfive options classes are among the most actively-traded, multiply-listed options classes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57478 (March 12, 2008), 73 FR 14521 (March 18, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2007-004 and SR-NASDAQ-2007-080).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The following options will be traded on The NASDAQ Options Market beginning March 31, 2008: QQQQ and AMAT. See Options Trader Alert #2008–4 at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/TraderNews.aspx?id=OTA2008–004.